

Helping America's Youth

The goal of *Helping America's Youth* is to make sure that every child grows up with a caring adult in his or her life—whether that adult is a parent, a teacher, a coach or a mentor. The initiative calls for action in the three most important parts of a child's life: a child's family, a child's school, and a child's community. Every child has to make choices between healthy behaviors that lead to success and risky behaviors that can lead down a road of bad outcomes. Our responsibility as adults is to provide the education, the skills, and the confidence children need to resist negative pressures and to excel in every part of their lives. The Little League Urban Initiative, now in dozens of American cities, is one of the programs working hard to accomplish these goals.

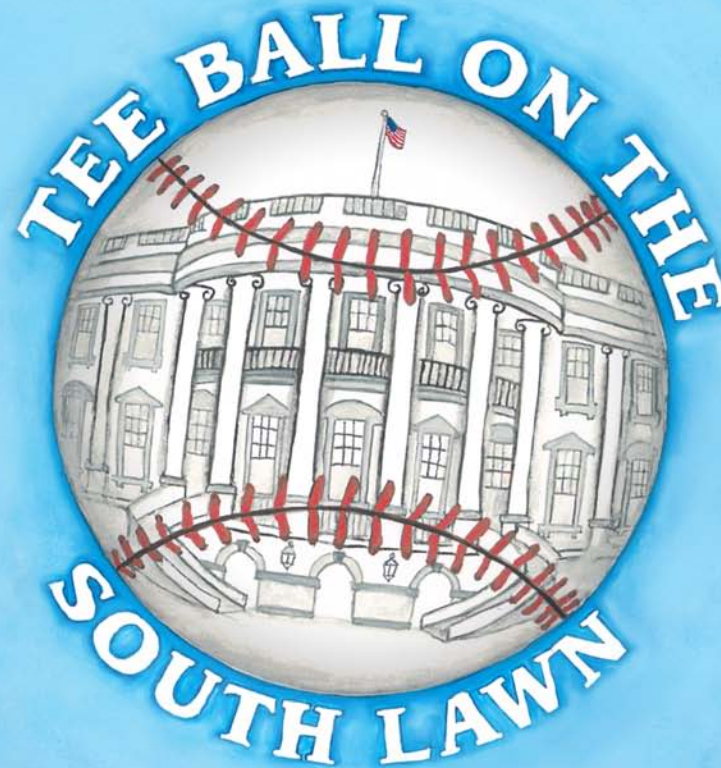
USA
Freedom Corps
Make a Difference. Volunteer.

To find out how you can make a difference in a child's life, visit the USA Freedom Corps' Volunteer Network at www.usafreedomcorps.gov, or visit www.usafreedomcorpskids.gov for ideas on how you and your child or mentee can volunteer together.



Little League Pledge

I trust in God.
I love my country
And will respect its laws.
I will play fair
And strive to win.
But win or lose
I will always
Do my best.



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**Jackie Robinson South Ward
Little League Black Yankees**
vs.

**South Side Little League
Memphis Red Sox**

June 26, 2005 • 4:00 PM

Tee Ball on the South Lawn

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White House Tee Ball Commissioner of the Game

Barry Larkin

Color Guard

The Young Marines

National Anthem

Aaron Lucas

First Base Coach

Margaret Spellings, *Secretary of Education*

Third Base Coach

Alphonso Jackson, *Secretary of Housing and Urban Development*

Announcer

Fred Hickman, *ESPN*

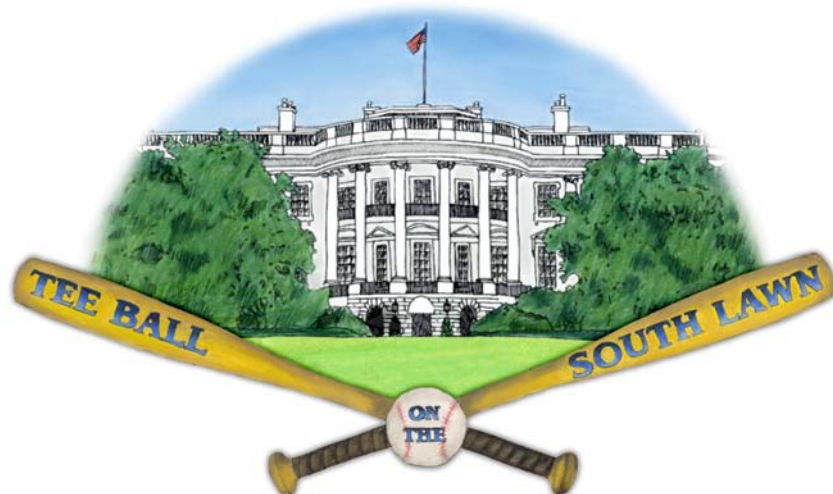
Game Ball Presenters

Young Marine GySgt Reynard Prather

Young Marine PFC Darnika Cooper

Recognized Youth Volunteer

Jeomara Fuentes-Ayala



Special Guests in Attendance

Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation

Youth for Tomorrow

Baltimore YMCA

Jackie Robinson South Ward
Little League
Black Yankees
Newark, New Jersey

District Administrator

Rich Franco

League President

Bill Spear

Manager

Kelley Spear

Coaches

Gregory Reynolds

David Robinson

Players

David Robinson.....	16
Deanna Guerrero	17
Nicole Williams	18
David Moline	19
Ricky Garner.....	20
Hawaiian Simmons.....	35
Shaquana Smith.....	43
Josiah Strigler	44
Gregory Anderson.....	45
Naji Loggins.....	46
Jalon Wright.....	47
Shyree Walker	48
Hannah Flanigan.....	51
Na-stashia Graham	52
Richard Reuben.....	60

South Side
Little League
Memphis Red Sox
Chicago, Illinois

District Administrator

Verba Kirksey

League President

Mason Dorsey

Manager

Tisa P. Macklin

Coaches

Anthony Frazier

Daron White

Players

Taylor Paige Nevils.....	36
Joi Russell	39
Johnathan Watson	40
Christian Wright	41
Kamani Smith	43
Balieux Robinson	46
Terreon Hopkins.....	48
Jaylen Heard	51
Owen Johnson.....	52

These two leagues are part of the Little League Urban Initiative, a program to bring baseball and softball to boys and girls in urban areas throughout the U.S.

As with many programs in Little League's Urban Initiative, the teams' names are taken from the Negro Leagues that thrived in the early 20th century before Jackie Robinson broke Major League Baseball's color barrier in 1947.